Summary of the 446th Regular Meeting of the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia (CECWA)
2 March 2012

Chair's Report
Monsignor Keating informed Members of the following:
• Appointment of Timothy Costelloe as the new Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Perth. Timothy Costelloe is a Salesian and was an Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne.
• Farewell functions for Archbishop Hickey including a Mass at the Cathedral on Tuesday 6 March to be attended by Principals of all Catholic schools accompanied by a staff person and 2 students from each school.
• Solemn Mass and Liturgical Reception for Timothy Costelloe will be held on Wednesday 21 March.
• Reception to be held in Rome on 29 June where Timothy Costelloe will receive the Pallium.
• Commissioning Masses held at the Cathedral which were a huge success.

Director's Report
In addition to the written report the Director:
• A presentation given by Pasi Shalberg at a seminar that he had attended as part of the Strategic Policy Working Group addressed the successes in education outcomes in Finland which he attributed to:
  • Excellence through equity
  • Time Management
  • Teaching and Lead Teachers Education based on Responsibility and Trust not test based on Accountability
  • Focus on Pedagogy not Technology.

Standing Committee Reports
The CECWA received and accepted the minutes of the:
• School Resources Committee (SRC) 264th meeting held on 16 February 2012
• School Personnel Committee (SPC) 76th meeting held on 15 February 2012

Topics in Catholic Education
• Overview of the National Catholic Education Commission was presented by Ron Dullard, Director Catholic Education in Western Australia
• A presentation on the Gonski Report into School finding was given by Ron Dullard.
• A report on Teacher Housing in the Kimberley was presented by Vaughan Sadler, Team Leader, Resources and Cathy Carr, Consultant Remote Housing.

Items for Discussion and Decision
• Change of Operation MacKillop Catholic College Busselton

Items for Noting
• Allocation of Funds Under the 2011 Vocational Educational Training Schools Program